

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 10 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 9 have been amended. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated September 24, 2003.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph:

Claims 1-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

In addition, claims 1-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Each of these rejections is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner reiterates the position that there is no disclosure of how the device is coupled to the computer, how the device can generate a graphic input, and how the data is input to the computer system. More specifically, the Examiner asserts that, "[t]here is no support for the limitation "the position indicator for performing graphic input for such OA equipment by moving the indicator into the air", and how a user can perform graphic

input by moving the position indicator in the air if the holes are covered by the user's palm.¹

However, the Examiner does give specific attention to the argument that the principal object of the present invention is to clarify how to detect the movement data of a pointing device.

More specifically, the Examiner sets forth:

It is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., the principle object of the present invention is to clarify how to detect the movement data of a pointing device . . .) are not recited in the rejected claim(s). Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims.²

In view of the above, claim 1 has been amended to correspond with the principle object of the present invention as to clarify how to detect the movement data of a pointing device. Moreover, the limitation "the position indicator for performing graphic input for such OA equipment by moving the indicator into the air" has been deleted from claim 1.

As such, it is respectfully requested that the rejections of claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, be withdrawn.

¹ Please see, lines 2-5, page 3 of the Action.

² Please see, lines 12-16, page 3 of the Action.

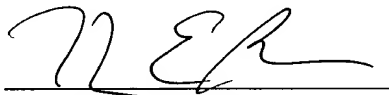
For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. If, for any reason, it is believed that this application is not in condition for allowance, Examiner is encouraged to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number below to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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